

## Message Text

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TO AMEMBASSY PARIS

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EAIR, FR

SUBJECT: CIVAIR: SEABOARD INQUIRY

REF: PARIS 17190

1. DEPTOFF WAS INFORMED BY DEPT OF COMMERCE OFFICIAL  
THAT AIR FRANCE IS NOT ACCORDED NOR IS ELIGIBLE FOR  
DUTY FREE TREATMENT OF AVIATION GROUND EQUIPMENT IMPORTED  
INTO US TO SERVICE AIR FRANCE AIRCRAFT.

2. BY VIRTUE OF THEIR STATUTORY AUTHORITY, DEPARTMENT  
OF COMMERCE ADVISED TREASURY IN 1967 THAT FRANCE WAS  
NOT ALLOWING EXEMPTION OF DUTY OR TAX FOR AVIATION GROUND  
EQUIPMENT BROUGHT INTO FRANCE FOR AIRCRAFT OF US REGISTRY  
ENGAGED IN FOREIGN TRADE. ACCORDINGLY, TREASURY PUBLISHED  
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A DECISION, TD 67-96(1), WHICH HOLDS THAT AVIATION  
GROUND EQUIPMENT IMPORTED INTO THE US FOR USE BY FRENCH  
REGISTERED AIRCRAFT IS NOT EXEMPT FROM US DUTY OR TAX.

3. FYI: ALTHOUGH THE DEPARTMENT HAS ATTEMPTED IN THE  
PAST TO EFFECT A RECIPROCAL ARRANGEMENT WITH FRANCE  
WHICH WOULD PROVIDE FOR DUTY FREE TREATMENT OF AVIATION

GROUND EQUIPMENT, THESE EFFORTS HAVE BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL.  
IN THE ABSENCE OF AN EMB NOTIFICATION THAT THE FRENCH  
WOULD BE WILLING TO ENTER INTO SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT,  
NEITHER WE NOR DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE FORESEE ANY  
CHANGE IN THE PRESENT STATUS. VANCE

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